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A Brief Note on the Two Lean Design Forums Set for 2014

A brief note on the two Lean Design Forums set for 2014. As I hope most of you will be aware, our initial [design forum](#) for this year in cooperation with UC Berkeley/P2SL takes place January 30-31 in Berkeley. We also traditionally do a mid-year program of this sort every June, and this year's program is set for June 4-5 in Chicago. More on the agenda for the program will be forthcoming, but by holding it in Chicago for the first time we hope to engage a wider and more influential cross-section of the design community to expose them to Lean Design tools and techniques, as well as an opportunity for in-depth dialogue on how Lean can benefit their design work and their practice in specific terms. We have lined up a great planning team of design representatives from Chicago firms and beyond, as well as the invaluable support of our strong and growing Chicago-area Community of Practice. We plan a half-day training session on Lean in design on the afternoon of June 4, followed by a full-day program June 5. If learning more about Lean in design is a goal for you and your firm, please mark your calendar and make plans to join us in Chicago.

2014 LCI Congress, set for Oct. 7-10

Our other major national program currently on tap is of course the **2014 LCI Congress, set for October 7-10, 2014**

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Upcoming Events

Jan 23 - [Application of Continuous Improvement Tools to Construction](#) (Upper Midwest CoP)

Jan 30 - [Design Forum sponsored by LCI, AIA and P2SL](#) (Berkeley, CA)

Feb 12 - [Brown Bag: Zachry Construction Corp. Lean](#)

at the Wyndham Parc 55 in San Francisco. You will be hearing much more about this in the months ahead, but please make a note to hold the date in your schedule for this fall. We have a strong, largely SF-based team of LCI members planning this year's program, and the Bay Area location takes us "back to our roots" in many ways, so we intend to build again on the success of our 2013 program to make the 2014 meeting the biggest and best ever. A request for abstracts for Congress presentations will be issued soon and will provide a web-based submission option as we did last year.

Major Goals Set by Our Board

Looking towards our work program for the coming year, this is a good time to remind everyone of the **major goals set by our board for LCI in 2014**. These include: Create industry demand (through owner education and engagement); develop knowledge (through a board-directed research program); Develop industry capacity (through education programs, our Communities of Practice, and other means; and Develop collaboration and distribution channels (working through sister associations and other national and international partner organizations). It's going to be a busy and productive year ahead, and thanks to those of you who are members of LCI and active in our local Communities of Practice, we have the resources and commitment to continue to work toward industry transformation.

Communities of Practice (CoP) Corner

Welcome to the **Communities of Practice (CoP) Corner**, a

[Practices](#) (San Antonio CoP)

Feb 12 - [Half-Day Introduction to Lean Project Delivery](#) (NorCal CoP)

Feb 20 - [BP: Implementing Lean Construction Methods at the Whiting Refinery](#) (Chicago CoP)

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new feature of the newsletter which will explain about CoPs, help you find one in your area, and know what is going on behind the scenes of your CoP. The CoPs are having monthly conference calls to share best practices and learn from each other. Now is the best time to speak with your CoP leader or someone in the core group to let them know if there is anything you wish they could do to be more active in the community, what types of events you would like to see, and things that your CoP is doing well. If you are not involved with a CoP at this time and would like to be, please contact Ilene Goldberg at igoldberg@leanconstruction.org and she will point you to a CoP in your area. You can also find a list of our CoPs on the LCI website.

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